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## **Introduction**

Biofuels are a major source of renewable energy. International standards are needed for production, trade and use of solid biofuels. For sampling of solid biofuels, see ISO 18135.

This document can be used in regard to production, controlling and analysis of solid biofuels in general.

This document was developed with significant content from EN 14780:2011.

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# Solid biofuels — Sample preparation

## 1 Scope

This document defines methods for reducing combined samples (or increments) to laboratory samples and laboratory samples to sub-samples and general analysis samples and is applicable to solid biofuels.

The methods defined in this document can be used for sample preparation, for example, when the samples are to be tested for calorific value, moisture content, ash content, bulk density, durability, particle size distribution, ash melting behaviour, chemical composition, and impurities.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 18134-1, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 1: Total moisture — Reference method*

ISO 18134-2, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 2: Total moisture — Simplified procedure*

ISO 18135, *Solid Biofuels — Sampling*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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### 3.1

#### **nominal top size**

aperture size of the sieve through which at least 95 % by mass of the material passes

Note 1 to entry: For pellets (and other long materials), the diameter is used to determine the nominal top size.

Note 2 to entry: Includes additional information not found in ISO 16559.